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## **DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

## **GRIPPING MEMBER FOR A FAST-FIT SAFETY COUPLING**

the specification of which				
☐ is attached hereto				
was filed on MA	ARCH 3, 2004	as United Sta	tes Application Number or PCT Int	ernational
Application Number	10/791,294	and (if	applicable) was amended on	
I hereby state that I have claims, as amended by an I acknowledge the duty to I hereby claim foreign pripatent or inventor's certificountry other than the L foreign application for parthat of the application on the state of th	reviewed and underly amendment refer of disclose information in the interest of the interest o	erstand the core erred to above. on which is ma er 35 U.S.C. § of any PCT In d below and is ertificate, or P imed.	terial to patentability as defined in 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any fore ternational application which des nave also identified below, by che CT International application having	37 CFR §1.56. eign application(s) for eignated at least one necking the box, any g a filing date before
PRIOR FOREIG	N/PCT APPLICAT	ION(S) AND A	NY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER	35 USC §119
APPLICATION NO.	COU	NTRY	DAY/MONTH/YEAR FILED	PRIORITY CLAIMED
TO2003A000160	Ita	aly	4 March 2003	yes
I hereby claim the benefit	under 35 U.S.C. §	119(e) of any l	United States provisional application	on(s) listed below.
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I hereby appoint the fol	lowing attorney(s)	and/or agent	(s) to prosecute this application	and to transact all

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Applicant or Patentee: PRES-BLOCK S.p.A.  Serial or Patent No.: 10/791,294 Docket No.116812  Filed: MARCH 3, 2004  For: "GRIPPING MEMBER FOR A FAST-FIT SAFETY COUPLING"  VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c))-SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN  I hereby declare that I am  [] the owner of the small business concern identified below:  [X] an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:  NAME OF CONCERN PRES-BLOCK S.p.A.  ADDRESS OF CONCERN 10040 CASELETTE (Italy) Via Alpignano, 155  I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a sm business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United State Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliated does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis dure each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each ot when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to comboth.
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"Gripping member for a fast-fit safety coupling" by inventor(s)
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If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusi each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or by any concorganization under 37 CFR 1.9(e). NOTE: Separate verified statements are required to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)
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